

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Masaki KOBAYASHI et al.
Title: COATED CEMENTED CARBIDE EXCELLENT
IN PEEL STRENGTH AND PROCESS FOR
PRODUCING THE SAME
Prior Appl. No.: 09/621,556
Prior Appl. Filing Date: 07/21/2000
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Continuing Application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

After the Application Title, please insert:

This is a Divisional Application of Application No. 09/621,556, filed 07/21/2000.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 - 21.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 22 - 27 are now pending in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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